

# City of Frisco's 13th Annual GREEN HOME, HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR:

*A new date and place for 2008!*

**Saturday, Oct. 4  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Frisco Athletic Center  
5828 Nancy Jane Ln.  
Free to the public!**

Come join us for the big 'green' kick-off to National Night Out. The Frisco Athletic Center is the new venue for this year's Green Home, Health & Safety Fair happening on October 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free, family-friendly event features activities to boost your health and well being through green living. Come enjoy a day of learning how to take better care of yourself and the environment.

## Green Home Activities

- Environmentally friendly products and services
- Smart controller rebate program and approved products
- Energy & water conservation technology
- Electric, hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles
- Drought tolerant plant displays
- Solar power demonstrations
- Free drawing

## Health & Safety Activities

- Free health screenings courtesy of Centennial Medical Center of Frisco and other local health care providers
- Literature and guidance from a variety of social and public service agencies
- Blood drive conducted by Carter BloodCare Mobile Unit



'Living green' is a big part of life in Frisco. The Green Home, Health and Safety Fair is one way to provide residents with practical knowledge and resources to make their homes "greener" both inside and out.

- Police, fire and military vehicle displays, including a Careflight helicopter

- Onsite pet adoptions through SPCA Mobile Pet Adoption Center

- Texas DPS Mobile Driver License Express providing driver's license renewals

- Information from the NTTA 'Tag Wagon'

## Parks and Recreation Activities

- Arborfest tree tours, sponsored by the Urban Forestry Board

## Hometown heroes go head-to-head

Saturday night, October 4, Frisco police and Frisco firefighters will get competitive on the court for a good cause. The FPD vs. FFD Basketball Game gets underway at 7 p.m. at the Frisco High School Gym, located at 6401 Parkwood Dr.

Proceeds from the event benefit Frisco Special Olympics. Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.



A curious child learns how the professionals collect fingerprints at a crime scene from the FBI Mobile Response Team at the 2007 Green Home, Health and Safety Fair. The FBI will be part of the 2008 fair along with many other law enforcement agencies, including Frisco police.



# FOCAL POINT

## Involved residents key to Frisco's success



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

"How can I help?" This is a common question I receive from our residents. What makes Frisco successful are the many individuals who volunteer their time and effort to make our city such a great place to live. It is especially exciting to have so many want to get involved. The City Council appoints members to Boards and Commissions on an annual basis. You can find a list of those boards and commissions on the city Web site at [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov). Click on 'government' and then 'boards and commissions'. There are also ad-hoc committees that are created as the need arises.

Another question I receive is "How do I get started?" and "How can I learn more about the City of Frisco?" Well, you're in luck as there are many opportunities to learn about our community. The City of Frisco invites you to sign up for free programs such as City Hall 101 or Citizens Police and Fire Academies, to name a few. Also, many of our local partners have programs very worthy of attending. The Frisco Chamber of Commerce sponsors its Leadership Frisco program and the Collin County Association of Realtors also puts on a leadership

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## Plan a 'Night Out' against crime: *Frisco's National Night Out celebration moves to October 7*



Officer Robert Monts, with the Frisco Police Community Services Division, talks with some of Frisco's youngest crime fighters at a 2007 National Night Out party. NNO allows children to interact with Frisco police and firefighters. The positive interaction may help some children feel confident about approaching officers for help in the future.

For the 14th year Frisco will fight back against crime by participating in National Night Out (NNO). The Frisco tradition has a new twist this year – a new date. This year's event was moved from the first Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday in October in an effort to beat the Texas heat. Frisco police encourage as many HOA and neighborhood groups to organize National Night Out parties on October 7.

Frisco is among the many Texas which decided to try out the event in October. The hope is that the milder temperature will allow more residents to participate.

Citizens are encouraged to help act as eyes and ears for the police department. With a surge in Frisco's population, National Night Out parties are an opportunity for new residents to meet their neighbors so later they can recognize who may or may not be a stranger in their community. National Night Out is also a chance to promote:

- Crime and drug prevention awareness
- Support for local anticrime programs
- Neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships

An estimated 35 million people participated in National Night Out 2007. More than 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide took part in NNO events.

The Frisco Police Department has been nationally recognized for outstanding participation in NNO. "National Night Out serves as a culmination of year-long crime prevention efforts and is the single largest crime awareness initiative in Frisco," said Officer Robert Monts with the Frisco Police Community Services Division.

Make National Night Out a celebration for your community or subdivision. Police, firefighters, Mayor Maher Maso and other city officials will visit NNO block parties throughout the city. You must register your block party to make sure your community receives a visit.

Register now by filling out the form online on the City of Frisco Web site: [www.friscotexas.gov/nno](http://www.friscotexas.gov/nno). At least one police officer or firefighter will visit every registered party.

The usual timeframe for NNO block parties is 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., but neighbor-

hoods are welcome to start their NNO parties earlier in the evening. Police ask each block party have a sign-in sheet to help keep track of the number of NNO participants.

Neighborhood streets may be blocked off to promote a safe area for your community block party. Easily moveable items should be used. Trash and recycling bins work great as a barricade. They can be quickly moved to allow emergency vehicles to get by, if needed.

### Canned goods collection

National Night Out is also a chance for citizens to show they care. Frisco Neighborhood Watch requests community organizers hold a canned food drive to benefit Frisco Family Services. The non-profit organization helps Frisco individuals and families in need.

Contact Frisco Family Services at (972) 335-9495 to get more information on the center's needs and to make arrangements to drop off donations following National Night Out.



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# Frisco's Public Art Program exhibition series announces call for artists

The City of Frisco is asking for submissions of two dimensional works of art by artist or arts organizations from the Denton and Collin county area for the second installment of Frisco's Art in the Atrium series: Regional Visions. This exhibition is part of the city's ongoing exhibition program at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center to showcase regional artistic endeavors and to encourage public dialogue, understanding and enjoyment of visual art.

For more information on the required submission format, as well as eligibility and selection process, go online to [www.friscotexas.gov/public-art](http://www.friscotexas.gov/public-art). From the left, side menu choose 'Get Involved: Art in the Atrium'.

Please deliver submissions (resume, images of available artworks, artwork list, & SASE) to the following location:

**City of Frisco**  
**Attn: Richard Oldham,**  
**Public Arts Manager**  
**George A. Purefoy**  
**Municipal Center**  
**6101 Frisco Square Blvd.,**  
**5th Floor**  
**Frisco, Texas 75034**

For questions about the exhibition program series or details of submissions, please contact Richard Oldham at 972 292-5104 or email to [roldham@friscotexas.gov](mailto:roldham@friscotexas.gov)

## Schedule

(Subject to Change)

### Friday, September 26:

Deadline for submissions to be considered for the 2008 Art in the Atrium Show

### Monday, October 6:

Submission reviewed, artwork selected, and notification sent

### Tuesday, October 24:

Loan agreements and artwork due from artists selected for exhibition. See [www.frisco-texas.gov](http://www.frisco-texas.gov) under Programs / Public Art / Get Involved, Art in the Atrium.

### November 7, 8 & 9:

Installation

### Thursday, November 13:

Artist Reception

### Exhibition Dates:

Monday, November 10, 2008  
- Friday, August 28, 2009



# Date changes approved for upcoming city council meetings

Due to scheduling conflicts, two upcoming Frisco City Council meetings will change dates. The public meetings will begin at the usual time of 6:30 p.m.

The regularly scheduled council meeting that would fall on Tuesday, September 16 has been moved ahead one day to Monday, September 15, due to Mayor Maher Maso's travel schedule.

The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting that would fall on Tuesday night October 7 conflicts with National Night Out activities. The meeting will move to one day later, Wednesday night October 8.

Frisco City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The public meeting portion begins at 6:30 p.m. The council hears citizens' input at approximately 7:30 p.m.

You can find a copy of current and past agenda's online at [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov). On the home page click on 'meetings' then choose

'agendas'. The page will direct you to click on the link to LaserFiche, Look up the specific agenda by date under 'city council meetings'.

## New date set for next HOA presidents meeting

The HOA Presidents meeting scheduled for Monday, September 22 has been rescheduled. Due to Mayor Maher Maso's travel schedule, the date has moved the Monday, November 3. The location has also changed to the Vivian Stark McCallum room on the 4th floor of City Hall inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center. The meeting time remains the same, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Homeowner Association presidents should contact Amy Gill at 972-292-5103 if you have a specific topic(s) you would like to discuss at the meeting. You may also email your questions and comments to [agill@friscotexas.gov](mailto:agill@friscotexas.gov).

# MAYOR

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program. Take the time to learn about our community and then dive right in!

August has been a very busy month for transportation and road openings. The 121 Tollway opened from Hillcrest Road in Frisco to Old Denton Road in Denton County. The southbound lanes on Independence have also opened, as well as the Rolater Road extension between Coit and Independence. Cotton Gin Road was recently opened between Dallas North Tollway and Legacy Drive. With the support of our residents, we will continue building and opening roads to meet our transportation needs.

Moving right along from the future of transportation topic -- to future leaders of tomorrow, I look forward to mentoring and receiving ideas from students selected to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council. Earlier this month, aspiring student representatives submitted applications for this civic group. The Frisco City Council looks forward to hearing from these students and hearing about what students value these days and what they'd like to see in our community. Past Mayor's Youth Councils have worked on several projects that have impacted our entire community, every thing from supporting a 'no smoking' ordinance to lobbying for a traffic signal on Parkwood near the Dr Pepper Ballpark, where the RoughRiders play ball. If you'd like to join the next council -- or if you have a teen who might be interested, check out the city's website and find "Mayor's Youth Council" under 'government'.

I hope everyone has had a safe start to the new school year. Please be careful out there!

Regards,  
Mayor Maher Maso

## Visit us on the Web!

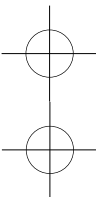
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Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news at your email address.

To subscribe, go to the home page. Click on the 'E-News' link on the right-hand side of the screen.

We also invite you to explore the 'Online Services' link to learn more about the city services you can access through the Internet.

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## New look, more information at FriscoFun.org

Have you checked out FriscoFun.org lately? The next time you do, you will notice one of the favorite Web sites for Frisco families has a brand new look. The city now offers a one-stop shop online for all the parks and recreation information you want.

The redesigned pages give residents a detailed look at all of the facilities and programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. More information, but less navigation. The new layout makes it easier to find exactly what you are looking for, from specific park and trail information to the latest schedule of classes at the Frisco Athletic Center.

At FriscoFun.org you are just one click away from eFun online registration, the latest Frisco Fun Guide, plus, easily accessible contact numbers. There's also a What's New section, featuring news updates from Frisco Parks and Recreation.

There's a city full of fun and fitness waiting for you. Take a step to a healthier lifestyle for you and your family today by checking out FriscoFun.org.

## City to dedicate four new parks this fall

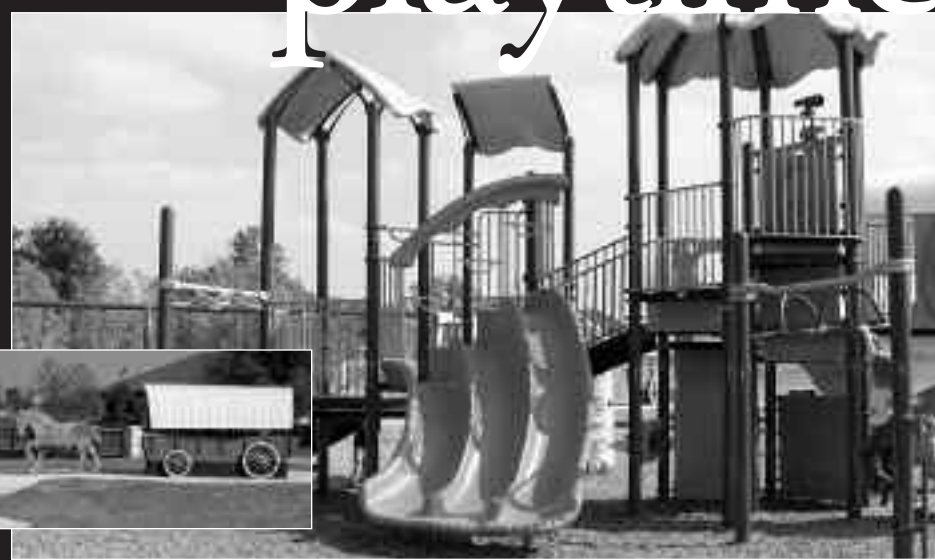
Fall is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors, and the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department is adding four new parks throughout the city for you and your family to enjoy. These parks include one large community park, B.F. Phillips and three neighborhood parks, Foncine Settlement, Vivian Stark McCallum and J.C. Grant. A park dedication ceremony is scheduled to mark the official opening of each of the four new parks, and the community is invited to attend.

B.F. Phillips is a 117 acre community park located at 3335 4th Army Memorial. With an overall ranch and horse race theme, Phase I of this park includes a five-field baseball and softball complex, a playground system, concession and restroom facilities. There is a large open space for athletic practices or other recreation activities and a paved parking lot. The park also features an impressive entrance with a large horse shoe and nail sculpture – a part of the city's public art collection. The park dedication ceremony for B.F. Phillips will be held on Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

Located at 15350 Appaloosa Dr., Foncine Settlement Park is a seven-acre park which features open space for athletic practices and other recreation activities, a walking trail, a play structure, a picnic pavilion with tables, a barbeque grill and a paved parking lot. The dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 20 at 10 a.m.

Vivian Stark McCallum Park is located at 9700 Snowberry Rd. in the Queens Gate development. The park features two separate play structures, open space for recreational activities, a basketball court and a covered pavilion with picnic tables and barbeque grill. The park dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

One of the most outstanding features of J.C. Grant Park is the large stone horse and



J.C. Grant Park, located at 9611 Wade Blvd., is one of four parks that the City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department will dedicate in September. The playground area includes a large structure with multiple slides, swings and a climbing wall. Also featured at the park is one of the city's largest pieces of public art: Spirited and Faithful depicts a horse-drawn covered wagon harkening paying tribute to the Preston Trail's pioneer days.

covered wagon which are visible as you drive down Wade Boulevard. The artwork, titled Spirited and Faithful, is part of the city's public art collection. This nine-acre park also features a walking trail, a covered pavilion with picnic tables and barbeque grill, a play structure and open space for recreation activities. The Dedication Ceremony for this park will take place on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. J.C. Grant Park is located at 9611 Wade Blvd. adjacent to Spears Elementary School.

The completion of these four parks, adds to the city's growing parks portfolio. The City of Frisco has 43 park sites totaling approximately 1,350 acres of parkland.

Construction has also begun on three additional neighborhood parks. These parks include Stephen's Green, Hummingbird and Crescent Parks. These parks have been master planned and are scheduled to be completed in late 2008. In addition to these neighborhood parks, the master planning process has begun for Grand Park, Frisco's first regional park. This 275 acre park will be located west of the Dallas North Tollway near Legacy Drive and Stonebrook Parkway.

For more information on City of Frisco parks, please visit our website at [www.frisco-texas.gov/parks](http://www.frisco-texas.gov/parks), or contact Dudley Raymond, Parks Planning & CIP Manager at 972-292-6502.

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Downloadable eBooks can also be downloaded to most handheld readers.

"We are very excited to offer so many best-selling books and authors through the convenience of downloadable formats," said Dr. Ron Heezen, Frisco Public Library Director. "Our library users have the comfort of accessing the digital collection from anywhere, whenever they want. And for the first time, our patrons have access to a growing number of iPod and iPhone-compatible audiobooks as well."

The free OverDrive Media Console software will operate on computers running Windows 98SE and above, including Microsoft Vista.

## Frisco Fire Safety Town now registering for '08-'09 safety classes



Since opening in 2007, Frisco Fire Safety Town has welcomed more 60,000 visitors and cannot wait to see even more in this upcoming school year! All schools

within Frisco ISD, as well as private and home schools, are invited to attend free

safety classes at Frisco Fire Safety Town.

Each grade level has its own curriculum and safety topic to include classroom education followed by a 'hands-on' demonstration by the students that illustrates what was learned. To register, go to [www.friscotexas.gov/safetytown](http://www.friscotexas.gov/safetytown).



## HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

### September 2

- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### September 3

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

### September 8

- Frisco Square Municipal Mgmt. District Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 4:30 p.m.

### September 9

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

### September 10

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### September 11

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### September 15

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### September 17

- Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Parkway, 6 p.m.

### September 18

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

### September 22

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

### September 23

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- Heritage Association, Council Chambers, 10 a.m.

### September 24

- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut Street, 6:30 p.m.

### September 25

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie, TX. 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Room, 6:45 p.m.

# Answering the call: Frisco Fire Department responds to Hurricane Dolly

**LT. JEFF MORRISON**  
FRISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recently I was among four Frisco firefighters to learn valuable lessons during an assignment to the Texas Rio Grand Valley in the wake of Hurricane Dolly. The Category 2 storm hit the south Texas coast with 100 mile-per-hour winds. The storm caused \$1.2 billion dollars in damage in Texas, widespread flooding and more than 200,000 electric customers temporarily lost power.

Frisco firefighters and officers have previously served in this capacity, providing support during Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita rescue efforts. The Frisco Fire Department wants citizens to better understand what our experience is like when we respond to disasters like these. The following is a detailed account of some of the services we provided to our fellow Texans in the days following Dolly. On Tuesday July 21, 2008 the Frisco Fire Department was asked by State agencies to put together a list of emergency personnel willing to travel to South Texas and assist in the response to Hurricane Dolly. Four firefighters were selected to deploy once the final request came in from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The four deployed were Firefighter/Paramedics Josh Clay and Nick Boroski, and Lieutenant Richard Flores and me, Lieutenant Jeff Morrison.

The four of us left Frisco Central Fire Station on Tuesday, July 22 at 2:30 p.m. headed for Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio not knowing what our specific assignment would be, but ready to take on any task we were given. We arrived at Kelly AFB at 9 p.m. and checked in with those in charge of the staging area. We were assigned with three other Mobile Intensive Care Units (M.I.C.U.) from the Houston area and designated as Strike Team 3. There were a total of five Strike Teams. Each was made up of ambulance crews. The first night we stayed in a high school gymnasium sleeping on cots with the rest of the Strike Teams.

The next day (Wednesday, 7-23-08) was spent at Kelly AFB awaiting deployment instructions. The word finally came down around 4:30 p.m. that our Strike Team would be deployed to the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas, commonly known as the "Valley" to support POD's secondary to search and rescue missions. A POD (Point of Dispensing Site) is usually set up in a community area such as a large parking lot or other large space where those who are displaced or without power, food, water, and ice can come and receive assistance and aid.

We were told that we would be leaving Kelly AFB at 4 a.m. on Thursday. We decided that it would be better to sleep on the base that night so we would be ready for an early start. We made our sleeping quarters in the backs of our ambulances.

We woke up at 3:30 a.m. on the morning of July 24 and headed for the "Valley" with the other four Strike Teams. By this time, Hurricane "Dolly" had come ashore and been downgraded to a tropical depression. We drove to the city of Weslaco, just north of Harlingen, and staged in a high school parking lot. Later that day, we were informed that we would be deployed to San Benito to assist with a POD site.

Our Strike Team, Strike Team 3, reported to the POD site in San Benito at 7 a.m. We quickly found out just how many people had been affected by Hurricane "Dolly." Most of the entire region was left without power and widespread flooding was a huge problem. The area we were working in, for example, had multiple neighborhoods under water. The weather that "Dolly" left behind was hot and very humid, so the need for clean drinkable water was a very real concern. The POD site was not due to be open for another one to two hours and there was already a line of cars two miles long.

By about 2 p.m. some in the long line of cars had been waiting for up to six hours to receive food water and ice. As I came up to one minivan I noticed that the air conditioner was not working. The family had four children ranging from about 10 years old to about three months. They told me that they had no place to go to get out of the heat since all of the local businesses had been closed due to the power outage.

This had an immediate impact on the way that I viewed our assignment. I realized that this was not just an isolated incident. As I continued to walk the line I noticed entire families waiting patiently for a little help. The need gave me and my fellow emergency responders a spark of energy to get the line moving.

The rest of the day was spent handing out boxes of ready-to-eat meals, cases of water and bags of ice. By 4:30 in the afternoon we had handed out more than 30,000 meals. All of us involved in this assignment unanimously agreed that this was some of the hardest yet most gratifying work we had ever done. Each of us was truly humbled by the opportunity to assist so many families.

We were finally told to shut down for the day 8:00 p.m. and return to the city of McAllen,



where sleeping arrangements had been made.

The next morning we were instructed that we would be assisting Texas Task Force 1 with search and rescue. We staged in another parking lot and waited for a possible field deployment, but it never came.

Around 4:00 p.m. we were told that our services would be needed in the city of Harlingen instead. We arrived in Harlingen about 4:30 p.m. and were told we would be running 911 calls for the city. We went right to work, making 10 runs in a 12-hour period. We responded to emergency calls for the city of Harlingen for a day and a half until we received word on the night of July 27 that we would be de-mobilized (just a fancy way of saying you get to go home.) We woke up at 6:30 the next morning and filled out the proper paperwork and were on the road by 7:00 a.m. We arrived back at Frisco Central Fire Station at 6:00 p.m.

So what valuable lessons did we learn? Most of all, we are very thankful to work for a municipality that allows us the opportunity, when called to do so, to participate and help out fellow Texans in dire times. Those of us who have been called to respond to such critical incidences in the past continue to sign up for future deployments. We understand that we are lucky to have jobs that we love that allow us to help others.

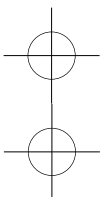
Secondly, as men with families

of our own, we learned that the simple things in life such as food, water, and shelter are all too often taken for granted. We are truly grateful for the chance to work with such wonderful families, even in such difficult times. We were graciously welcomed with open arms and genuine appreciation.

During our seven-day deployment we also enjoyed working with other rescue workers in a collaborative effort. We are ready to answer the call of duty again when needed, and we are proud to represent the City of Frisco and the Frisco Fire Department before the rest of the state and the nation.

**Editor's note:** In addition to Lt. Morrison's personal account about what he and his fellow Frisco firefighters experienced during the Hurricane Dolly response, Frisco Fire Chief Mack Borchardt's says the life lessons each of the four fire staff brought back with them also benefit the Frisco community:

"In addition to assisting victims with relief efforts in the aftermath of the weather event our personnel acquired valuable insight and experience which cannot be gained in any training environment," said Chief Borchardt. "Ultimately, our personnel are receiving free "training" as all expenses incurred are reimbursed through the State of Texas via government aid for disaster declaration."





# Adopt-a-Street Program keeps Frisco roads beautiful



Show you care about your community and the environment by adopting a street! The Frisco Adopt-a-Street program provides individuals, families, civic organizations, and other groups with an opportunity to help beautify their community by volunteering their services to collect litter along Frisco streets.

When you adopt a street, you agree to maintain a two-mile stretch of a Frisco roadway for one year. You must commit to doing a clean up session at least four times and year, including one clean up during the city's annual "Clean It and Green It" event held each spring. Adopt-A-Street

assignments can be made by an individual person or a group.

All supplies such as grabbers, vests, and gloves are provided by the city before each clean up to ensure a safe and fun event. Each adopted street will also receive the new Frisco Adopt-a-Street sign displaying the name of the individual or group.

If you see an Adopt-A-Street crew out working, please remember to keep a safe speed to provide them with a safe environment to perform their volunteer work.

This is a great way to give back you your community, keep Frisco beautiful, and teach others about citizenship. If you are interested in learning how to sign up, please contact Frisco's Environmental Services at 972-292-5900.

## Citizen's Fire Academy Class # 22

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) Class # 22 starting Thursday, September 18, 2008. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The

academy is open to those over the age of 18 who live or work within the City of Frisco. CFA classes cover an array of captivating themes including fire ground operations, emergency medical services, arson investigation and fire safety education. In addition to the classroom lessons

taught by Frisco Fire personnel, CFA participants will have many opportunities for hands on activities.

The nine-week program meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Applications are available for download at [www.FriscoFire.com](http://www.FriscoFire.com).

# Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Frisco conducted public hearings on August 25, 2008 and September 2, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Frisco from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.41 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.450000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$56,076,730.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.450000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$53,383,090.

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The City Council of City of Frisco is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 15, 2008 at George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Frisco, TX 75034 at 6:30 pm.

## Monthly Bloom TEXAS STAR HIBISCUS

Not many flowers stand out in a garden crowd like the Texas Star Hibiscus. With its large, red star-shaped petals, this native from the hibiscus family shows a tropical appeal that certainly catches the eye. Each blossom will only last a day, but new flowers continuously cycle in from June to September. Place this flower near shrubs or bordering a path in your drought-tolerant garden and encourage its superstar reputation.

### Fun Plant Facts

Plant Type:	Perennial
Plant Form:	Upright
Light Required:	Full Sun, Partial Shade
Water Demand:	Low, Medium
Plant Height (ft.):	5'
Plant Spread (ft.):	3'
Ornamental Value:	Red
Months Of Bloom:	Jun - Sept.
Native Texas Plant:	Native
Deciduous/Evergreen:	Deciduous
Wildlife Value:	Butterflies
Notes:	Large red, star-shaped flowers.



Find many more Texas SmartScape™ native and adapted plants for your beautiful garden by visiting the City of Frisco's Public Works Demonstration Garden at 11300 Research Road or going online to [www.txsmartscape.com](http://www.txsmartscape.com).



## Emergency plan can help families weather the unexpected

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month, and the Frisco Fire Department asks residents to take time now to plan for unforeseen emergencies that could happen later.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security urges all Americans to take simple steps to become better prepared for disasters. Visit [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more information. Below are steps to help you organize your family's emergency plan.

### Get a Kit

Assemble a disaster supply kit in a bag or tote that is easy to carry and easily available. You should always prepare for three days of self sufficiency. A few items to include in your kit are:

- Water: 1 gallon of water per person per day
- Food: 3 day supply of non-perishable food per person
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust masks, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members
- Change your stored water and food supply every six months

### Make a Plan

Learn about potential hazards and how to deal with them:

- Have a family meeting to discuss your emergency plan and any questions family members may have
  - Choose an out-of-state contact which members of the family can check in with upon separation from others
  - Practice and maintain your family emergency plan - including plans to help elderly or disabled family members
  - Plan ahead for the evacuation of pets - many shelters or hotels do not accept animals, even during an emergency

### Be Informed

- Learn about Frisco's outdoor warning sirens: Frisco tests their sirens each Wednesday at noon to ensure they all are in working order. To view a map of all sirens or to hear an audio sample of an outdoor warning siren, visit [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com).

- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to occur in Frisco. These include the potential for tornados, high winds, and lightning.
- Explain what to do in each situation and make a plan.
- Find out about disaster plans at other places your family frequents such as school and church.

### Get Involved

- After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step and by training in CPR and first aid. Both courses are available from the Frisco Fire Department as well as several other local providers.
- The Frisco Fire Department also offers Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training designed specifically to prepare citizens for a wide variety of emergency situations. See this page for more information about how to register for the fall CERT training session.

Website: [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com)  
E-mail: [fire@friscofire.com](mailto:fire@friscofire.com)



# Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to [www.frisco-texas.gov/projectupdate](http://www.frisco-texas.gov/projectupdate).

## 1 CR 712 (Frisco St - North County)

Scope: Construction of four lanes from Frisco St. to the RR Crossing and two lanes from the RR Crossing to North County Road. Construction began July 2008. Estimated completion of construction is January 2009.

## 2 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construct a five-story parking structure to accommodate roughly 570 cars. Estimated completion of design is winter 2008.

## 3 Rolater Drive (Coit - Independence)

Scope: Construct a four-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing dirt road. Construction began December 2007. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Estimated completion of construction is September 2008.

## 4 Frisco Square Blvd. Railroad Crossing

Scope: Street connection of Frisco Square Blvd. across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. Project includes relocating the Elm Street crossing to Frisco Square Blvd. with the RR signal and crossing gates.

Estimated start of construction is August 2008; estimated completion is early 2009.

## 5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston) w/ overpass

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the third lane on the south side. This will complete the ultimate six-lane divided roadway with median and includes additional overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Design of six-lane facility is 95% complete. Estimated start of construction is January 2009.

## 6 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Utility relocations are underway to clear the area for construction. Bid by TxDOT Feb 7, 2008. Estimated start of roadway construction is September 2008.

## 7 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer-Preston)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a Six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Est. completion of design is summer 2009.

## 8 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado Pkwy.)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Includes streetlights and traf-

fic signals. Estimated start of construction is fall 2009.

## 9 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Pkwy - US 380)

Scope: Replace existing two lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Estimated start of construction is spring 2010.

## 10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 - Main St.)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Includes streetlights & irrigation. Estimated completion of construction is September 2008.

## 11 Dogwood Street (Main - McKinney)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane & Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Street lighting is included in this project. Estimated start of construction is fall 2008.

## 12 Legacy Drive (Citation - Main)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation sleeves, and street lighting are included in this project. Estimated completion of construction is summer 2008.

## 13 Rolater Road 42" Water Line (Coit Rd - Preston Rd)

Scope: Construct 42-inch steel water pipe line from Coit Road to Preston Road. Project is currently under construction. Construction is expected to be complete in spring 2009.

## 14 Panther Creek Pkwy (Teel - DNT)

Scope: Construction of a four-lane divided roadway including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Pkwy. Construction of Legacy Drive underway. Panther Creek Pkwy opened to traffic on July 2, 2008. Estimation completion of Legacy Drive is September 2008.

## 15 FM 2478/Custer Rd (Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Widen existing two-lane asphalt roadway to a six-lane concrete divided roadway. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Estimated start of construction is early 2009.

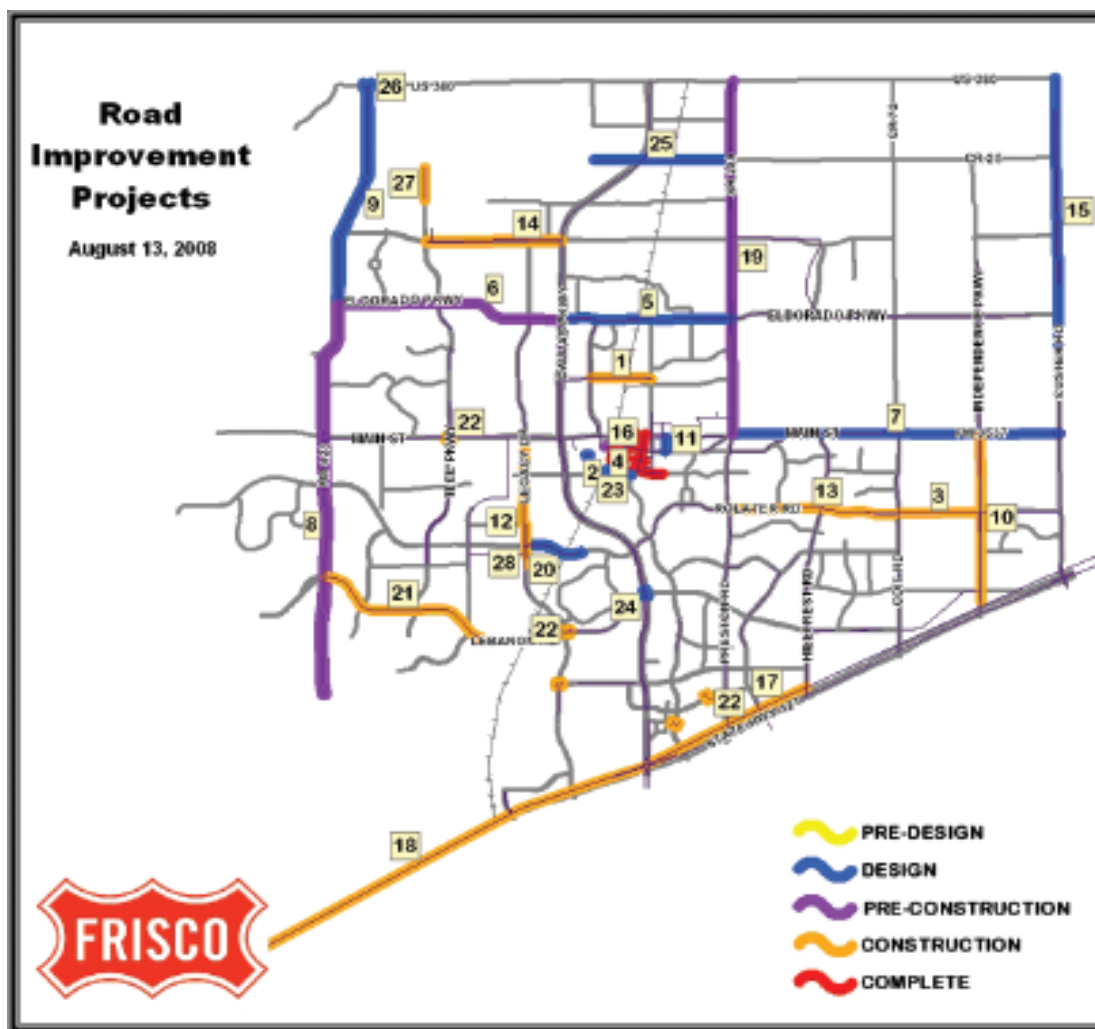
## 16 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- all street construction is complete.

## 17 SH 121 Freeway (DNT to Hillcrest)

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH



121 from Dallas North Tollway to Hillcrest. Estimated date open to traffic is fall 2008.

## 18 SH 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway. Estimated completion of construction is fall 2008.

## 19 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Design is complete. Currently, land is being acquired for the road widening. Estimated start of construction is spring 2009.

## 20 Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct four lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly, and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, and environmental coordination. Design is 90% complete. Estimated start of construction is early 2009.

## 21 Lebanon Road - (FM 423 - Presidents Dr.)

Scope: Construct the southern two

lanes of Lebanon Rd. from President's to FM 423 including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Construction began February 2008. Estimated completion date is early 2009.

## 22 Intersection Capacity Improvements

Scope: Intersection improvements at the following intersections: Gaylord/Mall Road F, Parkwood/Hammons, and Main/Teel. Construction began in June 2008. Estimated completion is fall 2008.

## 23 Eubanks Street (Fifth St. - BNSF RR)

Scope: Reconstruct Eubanks Street with concrete pavement and enclosed storm drainage. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2008 and will require six months to complete. This project is under design.

## 24 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the tollway. Estimated completion of design is fall 2008.

## 25 Virginia Pkwy (CR26 - Preston)

Scope: Construct six lanes from County Road 26 to Preston Road. Project includes a bridge over BNSF RR. Construction is expected to begin in late 2009. Project is currently under design.

## 26 NW Infrastructure

Scope: Analyze alternative alignments for water and sewer lines to serve properties near FM 423 and US 380. Design water and sewer lines to selected alignment. Estimated completion of design is fall 2008. Construction is expected to begin in 2009.

## 27 Teel Pkwy (Panther Creek Pkwy - North of Little River)

Scope: Construct eastern two lanes of Teel to provide four lanes of the ultimate six-lane road. Project is currently under construction. This project will be jointly funded by Frisco ISD. Construction began in June 2008. Estimated completion is fall 2008.

## 28 Legacy 16" Water Line (Citation Court - Academy)

Scope: Construct 16-inch water line from Citation Court to Academy. Construction began in June 2008. Estimated completion date is October 2008.



# Once upon a time the Frisco Storytelling Festival got a brand new name...

**Lone Star Storytelling Festival**  
**October 17 & 18**  
**Simpson Plaza at City Hall**  
**George A. Purefoy Municipal**  
**Center**  
**6101 Frisco Square Blvd.**  
**[www.lonestarstories.org](http://www.lonestarstories.org)**

This fall get an earful of fun. For its fifth year, the immensely popular Frisco Storytelling Festival will go by a brand new name: the Lone Star Storytelling Festival. The event will feature world-renowned storytellers, arts and crafts demonstrations, puppet shows, and enough tall tales and childhood stories to keep the audience roaring with laughter.

The Lone Star Storytelling Festival will be held in Simpson Plaza at City Hall on October 17 and 18, with spellbinding and hilarious concerts showcasing professional storytellers each night. Highlights of the two-day event include "Favorite Stories" on Friday night, featuring crowd-pleasing favorite tales. Early Saturday evening brings "Bedtime Stories," a special concert for children ages five and older. Then after the sun sets, the grand finale "Laughing Night" is sure to bring tears of laughter to adults and teens alike with rib-tickling, laugh-out-loud tales and tunes.

During the day on Saturday, local student entertainers will debut their own storytelling talents alongside the professionals, while arts and crafts demonstrations and puppet shows entertain children of all ages. All proceeds from the Lone Star Storytelling Festival will go to the Frisco Library Foundation. For more information about this popular event and to purchase tickets call 972-292-5669.



**TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW!**

From superheroes to Jedi knights, Frisco moms coordinated with their boys to dress up as some of their favorite characters at the 2006 Mother Son Dance.

## Mother Son DANCE

**Saturday, October 11**  
**Wakeland High School**  
**10700 Legacy Dr.**



**DANCE TIMES**  
**Ages 4 to 7:**  
**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Ages 8 to 12:**  
**7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

Put on your dancing shoes! It is time for the annual Mother Son Dance. The theme for the 2008 dance is "Around the World." Two dance times are available. Tickets are \$12 for each person and may be purchased online at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane.

Those wishing to purchase tickets online for this event must have a password and login ID prior to purchasing tickets. If you have forgotten your login information or need to request an account, log on to our website at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org) and click on 'Classes and Programs'. Follow the instructions to either request an account or retrieve your account information.

Tickets may be purchased for either time; however, you must attend the dance time for which you purchase tickets. The dance will include live music and refreshment tables featuring items from different countries including: France, China, Mexico and Jamaica.

Innovative Images will help you commemorate the special night with professional portraits. Portraits are \$20 payable at the door (cash or check only) and include two 5x7 prints and eight wallet-size photos.